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NEW INDUSTRY LOCATES IN TORRANCE; WILL EMPLOY FROM 50 TO 200 MEN

PRINCIPAL BARNETT RESIGNS

Torrance High School Executive Accepts Position at Brea

NO SUCCESSOR CHOSEN

L. A. District Officials Will Fill Vacancy in Few Weeks

I. W. Barnett has resigned his position as principal of the Torrance High School and has accepted a position in a similar capacity at the new high school in Brea.

According to officials of the Los Angeles School District, no successor to Mr. Barnett has been chosen. It is understood that a selection will be made within the next three or four weeks.

Urges Patriots Attend Service Here Saturday

L. V. Babcock, Legion Commander, Stresses Meaning of Memorial Day

"Every patriotic citizen in Torrance should sacrifice some of his time Saturday to the memory of the soldiers, sailors and marines who have died for their country," said L. V. Babcock, commander of the Bert S. Crossland Post, American Legion, today.

"The Legion has taken it upon itself to arrange a Memorial Day program at the High School auditorium. A parade to the auditorium will leave the Pacific Electric station at 9 o'clock. We chose this time of day, so that Torrance residents could attend the meeting, pay their respects to the memory of our country's departed service men and still have time to enjoy the holiday as they desire.

"Memorial Day was made a national holiday entirely for one purpose—to allow the people a day on which to bow their heads in reverence before the altar of the greatest national sacrifice—the altar of our dead. If this reason did not exist there would be no holiday. For that reason, everyone who can possibly do so, should attend the services Saturday morning."

Bank Reception To Be Held Here Today, 4 to 9

Bank of America Officers and Board to Meet Public

The Torrance branch of the Bank of America will hold a reception to the public today from 4 to 9 p. m.

Officials and local members of the advisory board will be present. An orchestra will furnish music and refreshments will be served.

In the last issue of The Herald an error was made in publishing the list of members of the advisory board. The members of this board are as follows: J. B. Hines, H. H. Doley, W. E. B. Partridge, Carl L. Hyde, and C. L. Blabee.

Dr. Maude Chambers visited last Tuesday with Dr. Dulcia Hinshaw in Long Beach.

Observations

Poems on Death by Soldiers That Died—The Beautiful Verse of Rupert Brooke—Poem to a Mother, Appropriate for Memorial Day

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IN another column on this page is printed Alan Seeger's famous poem, "I Have a Rendezvous With Death." The young American soldier-poet, like so many other war bards, had a presentiment that he would lose his life in battle. He wrote his most famous poem a few weeks before he fell in battle.

Seeger's prevision of the end of his own life was similar to that of several other soldier-poets whose young lives were snuffed out in the shell-torn theatres of strife.

Famous among the war poets who wrote of Death and later died was Rupert Brooke, a young Englishman with the face of a genius and a touch of Keats in his verse.

One of Brooke's most famous verses, entitled "The Soldier," follows:

If I should die, think only this of me:

That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is forever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave once her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
A body of England's, breathing England's air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind no less
Lives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

STRANGELY enough Brooke's finest poems, written during the war a few months before he died, on the fatal Dardanelles expedition, were tinged with thoughts of death. Approaching death himself, and knowing it, he penned these beautiful lines:

THE DEAD

Blow out, you bugles, over the rich Dead!
There's none of these so lonely and poor of old,
But dying, has made us rarer gifts than gold.
These laid the world away; poured out the red
Sweet wine of youth; gave up the years to be
Of work and joy, and that unhopied serene
That men call age; and those who would have been
Their sons, they gave, their immortality.

Blow, bugles, blow! They brought us, for our death,
Holiness, lacked so long, and Love and Pain,
Honour has come back, as a king, to earth,
And paid his subjects with a royal wage;
And Nobleness walks in our ways again;
And we have come into our heritage.

These hearts were woven of human joys and cares
Washed marvelously with sorrow, swift to mirth.
The years had given them kindness; Dawn was theirs,
And sunset, and the colours of earth.
These had seen movement and heard music; known
Slumber and waking; loved; gone proudly friended;
Felt the quick stir of wonder; sat alone;
Touched flowers and furs and cheeks. All this is ended.

There are waters blown by changing winds to laughter
And lit by the rich skies, all day. And after
Frost, with a gesture, stays the waves that dance
And wandering loveliness. He leaves a white
Unbroken glory, a gathering radiance,
A width, a shining peace, under the night.

SATURDAY is Memorial Day. We are asked to remember our dead. Think what a glorious thing it is for a man to be able to stand at the dark doors of Death with such transcendent beauty stirring his immortal soul—such beauty as Brooke wrote into his deathless lines.

Mute were the tongues, though equally brave the hearts of millions of others who went forward to the mystery with heads unbowed and strange peace written on their brows and shining in their eyes.

IN revering the dead on Memorial Day, this nation also bows its head in sympathy for the mothers who sacrificed their sons. A poem by Edna Philipotts is dedicated "To a Mother":

Robbed mother of the stricken Motherland—
Two hearts in one and one among the dead,
Before your grave with an uncovered head
I, that am man, disquiet and silent stand
In reverence. It is your blood they shed;
It is your sacred self that they demand,
For one you bore in joy and hope, and planned
Would make yourself eternal, now has fled.

But though you yielded him unto the knife
And altar with a royal sacrifice
Of your most precious self and dearer life—
Your master gem and pearl above all price—
Content you; for the dawn this night restores
Shall be the dayspring of his soul and yours.



"I Have a Rendezvous With Death"

I HAVE a rendezvous with Death
At some disputed barricade,
And apple blossoms fill the air—
I have a rendezvous with Death
When Spring brings back blue days and fair.

It may be he shall take my hand
And lead me into his dark land
And close my eyes and quench my breath—
It may be I shall pass him still.
I have a rendezvous with Death
On some scarred slope of battered hill,
When Spring comes round again this year
And the first meadow-flowers appear.

GOD knows 'twere better to be deep
Pillowed in silk and scented down,
Where Love throbs out in blissful sleep
Pulse nigh to pulse and breath to breath,
Where hushed awakenings are dear. . . .
But I've a rendezvous with Death
At midnight in some flaming town,
When Spring trips north again this year,
And I to my pledged word am true,
I shall not fail that rendezvous.

—ALAN SEEGER.

(The above poem was written by Alan Seeger, the American soldier-poet who left Yale to enter the Foreign Legion before the United States entered the World War. Like so many of the other soldier-poets, Seeger had a foreboding of his death in battle and penned this poem to his mother. Two months later he was killed.—Editor.)

Coming Events

Items for This Department Must Be at Office by 5 p. m. on Day Preceding Publication.

THURSDAY, MAY 28

7:30 p. m.—Meeting O. E. S., Masonic Temple.

FRIDAY, MAY 29

NATIONAL POPPY DAY

11 a. m.—Memorial Day Celebration for Schools, High School Auditorium. Speaker, W. Harold Kingsley.

8 p. m.—Special meeting F. and A. M., Masonic Temple.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

9 a. m.—Memorial Day Services, 2nd and 3rd American Legion, High School Auditorium.

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Services in all churches.

2:30 p. m.—Baseball game, C.-C. M. O. Park. C.-C. M. O. vs. Pasadena Merchants.

MONDAY, JUNE 1

8 p. m.—Trustees' Meeting, City Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

4:30 p. m.—Meeting Board of Directors, Chamber of Commerce. Public invited.

L. O. O. F. TO ELECT

Election of officers will be held next Tuesday night by Triple City Lodge No. 333, L. O. O. F. The initiatory degree will be conferred, followed by a "feed."

All members and visiting Odd Fellows are urged to attend.

Legion Post Here Unusually Active

The regular business meeting of the Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, of the American Legion, on Tuesday evening at the First National Bank was an enthusiastic and interesting session.

The Memorial Day Committee reported their plans complete.

The Building Committee chairman, in his report, stated the floor plans finished.

The Fiesta Committee made a splendid report assuring the members of their capability, with the co-operation they expect "to put it over alone" this year, without any affiliation with out-of-town exhibitors.

Commander Babcock appointed an Endowment Drive Committee, who will assist in soliciting the quota of \$1,000 from Torrance and Lomita citizens for the orphans of American soldiers by late wars.

Oilers to Clash With Merchants Here on Sunday

Next Three Games of C.-C. M. O. Will Be on Home Lot

The Chandler-Canfield Midway Oil Company baseball team will meet the strong Pasadena Merchants' nine at the C.-C. M. O. Park here Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

The next three games of the Oilers will be played on the home lot. A week from Sunday they will clash with the Pacific Electric nine and a week after that they will meet the Petroleum Midway team of Long Beach.

Will Hear Protests on Two Improvements Monday Night

Monday night at 8 o'clock the Board of Trustees will receive protests against the proposed improvement of Redondo Boulevard and the projected street lighting system in Torrance.

According to the state law protests must be made in writing to be valid.

Mayor Robert J. Deininger said today: "The statement that the

cost of lights in Torrance will be comparatively exorbitant is unfounded. In case the proposed improvement is not protested out, the Board of Trustees would rebids were somewhere between \$1 and \$1.25 a front foot. We believe that present competitive conditions will bring many low bids for the work, if the proceedings are carried to that point."

International Steel Derrick Co. to Build on West Carson St.

Buys Land Tuesday, Lets Contract for Office Wednesday, and Will Start Erecting Factory Near S. F. Tracks in Few Days

MAKE DERRICKS; METAL BUILDINGS

Harry M. Runkle, President of Columbus (O.) Concern, Says Torrance Chosen as Site After Careful Survey of Southland

Torrance's campaign for new industries brought its first definite result yesterday when the International Derrick and Equipment Company of Columbus, O., the largest manufacturers of oil and gas well steel derricks in the world, bought a substantial tract of ground south of Carson Street and west of the Santa Fe station and announced that construction of an office and plant would start at once.

Harry M. Runkle, president and treasurer of the company, who completed the negotiations for the site, announced yesterday that the plant would be in operation within 90 days and would employ at least 50 men at the outset, with a peak employment of about 200.

Let Building Contracts

Yesterday Mr. Runkle signed a contract with the Industrial Housing Corporation of Torrance for the construction of an attractive office building on the site, and told a representative of The Herald that contracts for the plant would be signed this week. Actual work on these buildings will begin in a few days.

The tract, with approximately 275 feet frontage on Carson Street, was purchased from the Dominguez Land Corporation.

Negotiations which resulted in the choice of Torrance as a location for the company's western plant were made through the Chamber of Commerce, J. W. Macdowell, the Torrance Investment Company and the Dominguez Land Corporation.

Substantial Company

The International Derrick and Equipment Company is the most substantial institution of its kind in the country, being affiliated in the East with several large steel interests.

The company manufactures oil and gas well steel derricks, steel towers such as those used by electrical companies in transmitting power, and the International Ideco standard steel buildings.

With plants at Delaware and Columbus, O., and Houston, Tex., the company has warehouses and distributing centers in many parts of the country.

The Torrance plant will be a combined manufacturing and assembly plant. A large majority of the employees will be skilled iron workers.

National Supply Sales

The gas and oil well products of the company will be distributed in the west through the National Supply Company and the Union Tool Company, Mr. Runkle announced. The company will handle its own sales and distribution of its other products.

The arrangements with the National Supply and Union Tool Companies will place another Torrance product in all the National Supply warehouses in the West and provide, according to Mr. Runkle, unequaled sales and service facilities for buyers of steel derricks.

Survey Helps Torrance

Proximity to the harbor and advantageous freight rates to all California oil territories, together with natural industrial advantages, prompted Mr. Runkle to locate the new plant in Torrance. The decision was made after the company had concluded an extensive industrial survey in Southern California.

He stated yesterday that the company will encourage its employees to live in Torrance.

PUPILS TO DANCE

Miss Israel, local dancing teacher, will present ten of her pupils, all Torrance girls, in a novelty gypsy dance review on the amateur night program at the Torrance Theatre Friday, May 29.

Those taking part are May Weeks, Winifred Frudenburg, Betty Jane Ripple, Millicent Baker, Lillian Ruston, Myrtle Pugh, Marjorie Benson, Louise Hansen, Oma Beckwith and Margaret Sutton.

Business Houses

Closed Saturday; Buy Foods Friday

All business houses in Torrance will close on Memorial Day. Grocers, butchers and fruit and vegetable markets will be open Friday night according to their usual Saturday night schedules. Other stores will close at 6 p. m. Friday night. Barber shops will be open Friday night until 8:30 and Saturday until noon.

Honor Our Heroes—Attend Memorial Day Services Saturday